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SUBJECT: DHEW/PHS/SFCP AGREEMENT 03-052-N, IUNS WORKING CONFERENCE ON PRACTICAL APPROACHES TO COMBAT MALNUTRITION

REFERENCES: (A) CAIRO 17698; (B) STATE 312932

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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED INFORM DR. RAMSIS A. GOMAA, UNDER-SECRETARY, MOH; DR. AHMED BADRAN, CO-CHAIRMAN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE, AND DR. MAMDOUH K. GABR, PROFESSOR PEDIATRICS, CAIRO UNIVERSITY, THAT NIH HAS COMPLETED REVIEW SUBJECT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING IN AMOUNT OF 73,950 EL. NIH APPROVED AMOUNT IS 2,000 EL LESS THAN AMOUNT REQUESTED. REDUCTIONS WERE MADE IN FOLLOWING BUDGET UNCLASSIFIED

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CATEGORIES: (A) PERDIEM RATE OF 35 EL REDUCED TO 32 EL, WHICH IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE OFFICIAL US RATE; (B) ROOM RENTAL OF 2,000 EL, CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVE, REDUCED TO 1,333 EL.

2. URGENT THIS APPROVAL BE REPORTED PROMPTLY TO ALL CONCERNED BECAUSE OF TIME NEEDED TO EXTEND INTERNATIONAL

INVITATIONS, TO RESERVE HOTEL ROOMS, AND TO NOTIFY DR. C. GOPALAN, WHO IS DIRECTOR GENERAL, INDIAN COUNCIL

MEDICAL RESEARCH, NEW DELHI, AND ALSO THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL UNION NUTRITION SCIENCES COUNCIL, WHICH IS ORGANIZING THE MEETING.

- 3. COMMUNICATIONS TO WHICH EMBASSY REFERRED IN REFTEL (A) HAVE EVIDENTLY BEEN BASED ON NIH QUALIFIED VERBAL RESPONSES TO TELEPHONE CALLS AND PERSONAL VISITS OF SEVERAL US AND INDIAN PRINCIPALS CONCERNING REVIEW STATUS OF SUBJECT PROPOSAL. FINAL APPROVAL OF ANY NIH APPLICATION, BECAUSE OF REVIEW SCHEME OUTLINED REF (B), WHICH DELEGATES DECISIONS ON TECHNICAL MERIT TO OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF PROPOSAL TO SEPARATE INDEPENDENT GROUPS, IS NEVER SUFFICIENTLY CERTAIN TO PERMIT NIH TO GIVE AN ESTIMATE OF ULTIMATE RESULT DURING COURSE OF REVIEW
- 4. LIST OF NON-US GOVERNMENT AND FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS TO BE INVITED, REQUESTED IN REFTEL (A), MUST BE OBTAINED FROM DR. NEVIN S. SCRIMSHAW, DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION AND FOOD SCIENCES, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, USA, FROM DR. GOPALAN, AND FROM OTHER OFFICIALS OF IUNS. IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF MOH TO MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE PERSONS. DHEW WILL ONLY MAKE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND PURCHASE TICKETS FOR US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WHO WILL ATTEND.

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5. TO EXPEDITE TRANSMITTAL, MR. ROBERT N. EVANS,
OIH/DHEW, IS HANDCARRYING FOUR SIGNED COPIES AND ONE
CONFORMED COPY OF SUBJECT AGREEMENT TOGETHER WITH PAYMENT
AUTHORIZATION IN AMOUNT OF 73,950 EL. EMBASSY REQUESTED
OBTAIN APPROPRIATE MOH SIGNATURES ON ALL COPIES, AFTER
WHICH TWO SHOULD BE RETURNED TO NIH, TWO LEFT WITH MOH,
AND ONE RETAINED BY EMBASSY. UPON RECEIPT OF FINAL
SIGNATURES, EMBASSY REQUESTED MAKE FIRST PAYMENT IN AMOUNT
OF 73,950 EL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION,
WHICH PROVIDES FUNDS REQUIRED FOR SUBJECT AGREEMENT.
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